

ORGANIZATION

The College is one of the few in the United States to be owned by its faculty and entirely controlled by its teachers and the student body. The faculty has ultimate control of College property and educational discipline. The College has neither trustees nor the usual administrative officers, such as president and deans. The faculty elects from its membership a Board of Fellows which administers the finances and makes faculty appointments. Student officers attend faculty meetings dealing with the general affairs of the College. The chief student officer, the moderator, is a legal member of the Board of Fellows during his period of office. As such he has full voting power and an equal voice with the other eight members. Community problems are occasionally brought to the general community meetings for discussion, and in so far as possible, for settlement. The meetings, attended by all members of the staff, their families and the students, are in character much like the New England town meeting. Questions that come up in connection with the daily life of the total community are referred to a Community Council, representing faculty, staff, students, and all other members of the community.

YEAR ROUND PROGRAM

The year at Black Mountain College is divided into specified academic terms and into free periods at Christmas, Easter, and the beginning and end of summer. Continuity in the life of the community is maintained year round in work on the farm, general maintenance, and administration. This means that a portion of the community arranges to remain during vacations to keep the plant going, also regarding these periods as valuable opportunities for independent work and study.

The first semester will begin at 8:30 a.m., September 17, 1947. Christmas free period will extend from noon December 13, 1947, to 8:30 a.m., January 7, 1948. The first semester will end February 4, 1948. The second semester will begin 8:30 a.m., February 12, 1948. The spring free period will extend from March 27 to April 5, 1948. The second semester will end June 16, 1948. Summer session dates to be announced.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

All members of the community devote some of their time to practical work. This includes the routine tasks of maintenance plus such work as planting, tending and harvesting crops, and the clearing of forest land for pasture. Some experience leading to the acquirement of skills in building and construction is obtainable through activities in connection with necessary maintenance and repair. The College anticipates building soon; and lumbering, surveying, and building of models have been engaged in. Students contribute to and are responsible for many aspects of running the community.